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1. SUMMARY. AMBASSADOR HELD SEPARATE DISCUSSIONS JULY 23 ON SECRETARY'S JULY 14 UN SPEECH WITH FOREIGN MINISTER ARYAL AND THE FOREIGN AFFAIRS ADVISER TO HIS MAJESTY WITH FULL USE REFTEL GUIDELINES. TEXT OF SPEECH ALSO CONVEYED TO KING UNDER COVERING

LETTER FROM AMBASSADOR. SIMILAR DISCUSSION HELD WITH FOREIGN SECRETARY KHATRI JULY 24. END SUMMARY

2. I MADE FULL PRESENTATION ON SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH, DRAWING IN EXTENSO ON REFTEL THEMES AND GUIDELINES, TO FOREIGN MINISTER, CHIRAN THAPA OF PALACE STAFF AND FOREIGN SECRETARY. IN ALL THREE PRESENTATIONS I STRESSED POSITIVE ASPECTS OF U.S. DEEP INVOLVEMENT WITH UN SYSTEM AS WELL AS AREAS OF CURRENT CONCERN PER REFTEL. I EXPRESSED STRONGLY TO ALL THREE HOPE THAT NEPAL WOULD AVOID BEING FROZEN INTO POSITIONS BY SO-CALLED NONALIGNED CONSENSUS AND URGES THAT NEPALESE REPRESENTATIVES  
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INGS AND MAINTAIN FLEXIBILITY DURING VARIETY OF PREASSEMBLY CONCLAVES AMONG NONALIGNED AND LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. AS CASEHN POINT I CITED FOREIGN MINISXER'S FORTHCOMING PARTICIPATION IN NONALIGNED CONFERENCE AT LIMA.

3. TO ALL THREE OFFICIALS I FORECAST THAT ISSUES OF EXPULSION OF ISRAEL, KOREAN QUESTION AND BASKET OF ECONOMIC ISSUES MIGHT BECOME CRUNCH PROBLEMS AT FALL SESSIONS OF UN. I URGED UPON ALL THREE THAT NEPAL TAKE, AS POINT OF VITAL PRINCIPLE, POSITION OF UNEQUIVOCAL OPPOSITION TO EXPULSION OF ISRAEL FROM THE UN AND TO DO SO, IF QUESTION ARISES, AT LIMA MEETING OF NONALIGNED.

4. I FOUND CHRAN THAPA, NOT UNEXPECTEDLY, ALREADY QUITE WELL INFORMED ABOUT SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH. ALL THREE OFFICIALS READILY RECOGNIZED IMPORTANCE TO BE ATTACHED TO IT.

5. FONMIN ARYAL WAS BRIEF IN HIS COMMENTS. HE SAID NEPAL HAS A KEEN AND CONTINUING INTEREST IN A STRONG AND "INTACT" UN. EFFORTS TO EXPEL ISRAEL "WOULD NOT BE GOOD." TOWARD CONCLUSION OF THE ALLOTTED TIME, ARYAL SHIFTED SUBJECT TO A BROAD RANGE OF QUESTIONS ABOUT PROSPECTS IN SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC EQUATION IN INDIAN OCEAN, SOUTH AND SOUTHEAST ASIA AREA, EVIDENCING CONCERN THAT SOVIET-INDIAN RELATIONSHIP MIGHT BECOME MUCH CLOSER TO THE DETRIMENT OF NEPAL'S INDEPENDENCE AND SECURITY. PRESSED BY AN IMMINENT APPOINTMENT WITH THE NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR, HE SAID HE WOULD PURSUE THESE POINTS AT A LATER TIME.

6. I THOUGHT IT OPPORTUNE TO GET CHIRAN THAPA'S REACTION TO NEPAL'S CURRENT CONCEPT OF ITS NONALIGNED ROLE WHICH MFA JOINT SECRETARY BHATT HAD OUTLINED EARLIER TO DCM QUANTON (KATHMANDU 3802). NOTING THE NEPALESE INTENTION AS STATED BY BHATT TO QUANTON NO LONGER TO MAKE L SERVATIONS REGARDING A NONALIGNED CONSENSUS, WHICH SEEMED TO THEM USELESS IN THE CONTEXT OF A RAMBUNCTIOUS NONALIGNED MEETING. I SAID I HOPED THIS DID NOT MEAN THAT NEPAL WOULD FEEL BOUND BY A NONALIGNED CONSENSUS IN WHICH THEY HAD NOT REALLY PARTICIPATED AND WITH WHICH THEY MIGHT NOT AGREE. CHIRAN THAPA INSISTED THAT NEPAL WOULD CONTINUE TO CONSIDER ISSUES ON THEIR MERITS, WOULD EXERCISE INDEPENDENT JUDGMENT AND NOT BE BOUND BY GROUP APPROACHES. NEPAL WOULD, HE SAID, ALWAYS BE READY FOR AND WOULD WELCOME DISCUSSION WITH

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THE J.S. ON PENDING UN OR OTHER PROBLEMS. HE ADDED THAT HIS MAJESTY WOULD SEE ME ON ANY ISSUES I WISHED TO TAKE UP.

7. I OUTLINED TO CHIRAN THAPA VERY PRECISELY THE THRUST AND LIMITS OF THE U.S. POSITION ON KOREA PER STATE 131759. THE NODDED HIS UNDERSTANDING OF THE NEED TO ENSURE THE EFFECTIVE CONTINUATION OF THE KOREAN ARMISTICE AS A VIABLE INSTRUMENT IN THE PRESERVATION OF PEACE AND STABILITY IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA.

HE SPECIFICALLY ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS IN KOREA WAS A BILATERAL MATTER BETWEEN THE U. S. AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA AND NOT A SUBJECT OF LEGITIMATE UN CONCERN. THAPA RECALLED NEPAL'S LAST MINUTE SHIFT ON KOREA LAST YEAR FAVORABLE TO US, BUT MORE TO REMIND ME OF A PLUS IN THE LEDGER THAN TO FORECAST WHAT NEPAL MIGHT DO THIS YEAR. (I DID NOT DISCUSS WITH HIM NOR WITH THE FOREIGN MINISTER OR FOREIGN SECRETARY THE SPECIFICS OF THE DRAFT RESOLUTION ON KOREA WE ARE CO-SPONSORING, SINCE WE UNDERSTAND THAT FURTHER DETAILED GUIDANCE ON THIS WILL BE FORTHCOMING FROM THE DEPARTMENT.)

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8. ON ISSUE OF EXPEULSION OF ISRAEL, WITHOUT STATING HIS OWN OR GON VIEW, THAPA ACKNOWLEDGED CENTRAL IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE, NOTED ONLY TWO VOTES RECORDED IN MEXICO CITY IN OPPOSITION TO ANTI-ZIONIST RESOLUTION, AND WONDERED HOW MUCH STRENGTH OPPOSITIONS OF EXPULSION OF ISRAEL WOULD HAVE IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY. I SAID THIS ISSUE WAS CLEARLY AN AMBARRASSMENT TO MANY NONALIGNED COUNTRIES AND SHOULD BE HEADED OFF IN LIMA IF IT IS RAISED, URGING AS ALREADY NOTED AN UNEQUIVOCAL NEPALESE POSITION OF BAOPPOSITION TO EXPULSION.

9. FONSEC KHATRI, EXPERIENCED IN THE UN, RESPONDED TO MY PRESENTATION WITH COMMENTS HIGHLY CRITICAL OF THE NONALIGNED GROUP.

NEPAL, HE SAID, HAD ALWAYS BEEN AGAINST BLOCS AND TOOK TMR NON-ALIGNED PATH FOR THIS REASON, ONLY TO FIND THE NONALIGNED GROUP HAD BECOME THE ONLY EFFECTIVE BLOC IN THE UN. HE REFERRED TO EARLIER CONVERSATIONS WITH ME WHEN HE HAD VOICED SHARP, EVEN BITTER, CRITICISM OF THE RIGIDITY AND STEAMROLLER TACTICS OF THE RADICAL LEADERSHIP OF THE NONALIGNED BLOC. RESPONDING TO MY QUESTION, KHATRI SAID NEPAL DOES NOT FEEL BOUND BY "EXPRESS VHS OF CONSENSUS" OF CAUCUS GROUPS AND WOULD CONTINUE TO EXERCISE ITS SOVEREIGN RIGHT TO CAST ITS UN VOTES IN ACCORDANCE WITH PERCEIVED NATIONWU INTEREST.

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10. ON KOREA, GENERAL KHATRI AGREED THAT THE PRESENCE OF U.S. TROOPS IN KOREA IS NOT PROPERLY A MATTER OF UN CONCERN. HE SEEMED TO ACKNOWLEDGE THE NEED FOR CONTINUATION OF EFFECTIVE ARMISTICE ARRANGEMENT, BUT VOICED THE ASPIRATION, UNREALISTIC IN PRESENT CIRCUMSTANCES, THAT NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA SHOULD GET TOGETHER AND SETTLE THEIR OWN SECURITY AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS.

11. KHATRI ALSO COMMENTED ON THE MIDDLE EAST, NOTING THE COMPLEXITY OF THE ISSUES AND THE LACK OF AGREEMENT OR CONSISTENCY WITH RESPECT TO THEM EVEN WITHIN THE ARAB BLOC. HE REFLECTED ON THE DIFFICULTY OF CONSIDERING THE PLO AS A "GOVERNMENT IN EXILE," NOTING IT IS NOT A GOVERNMENT AND DOES NOT HAVE A DEFINED TERRITORY. PARTICULARLY IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES, KHATRI FELT NEPAL HAD NO CHOICE BUT TO ABSTAIN. (WE NOTE KHATRI'S VIEW SEEMS TO DIVERGE FROM JOINT SECRETARY BHATT'S INDICATION TO QUAINTON, REPORTED IN KATHMANDU 3202, THAT NEPAL NOW ACCEPTED THAT THE PALESTINIANS HAD A RIGHT TO AN INDEPENDENT STATE OF THEIR OWN AND WOULD VOTE TO ADMIT THE PLO TO UN BODIES AS AND WHEN THE ISSUE AROSE.)

12. COMMENT. THE THRUST OF THE SECRETARY'S MILWAUKEE SPEECH IS BEING RECEIVED THOUGHTFULLY AND POSITIVELY BY THE NEPALESE LEADERSHIP. NEPAL, HOWEVER, WILL CONTINUE TO BE TORN ON SPECIFIC ISSUES BETWEEN THEIR INSTINCTIVE REACTIONS, WHICH ARE USUALLY SOUND, AND THE PRESSURES THEY FEEL NOT TO GET TOO FAR OUT OF STEP WITH THEIR BIG NEIGHBORS, WHOSE POSITIONS ARE ALWAYS HEAVILY WEIGHED BY NEPAL, AND, MORE GENERALLY, WITH THE NONALIGNED GROUP. AS IN THE PAST, WE WILL NEED PLENTY OF CONTACT WITH KEY NEPALESE OFFICIALS, INCLUDING NEPALESE UN REP UPADHYAYA, ON INDIVIDUAL UN ISSUES. CARGO

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